

April 1, 2009

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Dear Joel:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt, review, and approval of your district technology plan for the period 2010–14, with accompanying budget. I have enclosed the Certification of Technology Plan and Approval for South Carolina Public Schools for your records. I will also update the Department of Education Web page to reflect this approval.

I will fax a copy of this letter and certification to Betsy Smoak at the Division of State Information Technology where your plans and other E-rate documentation are housed. She will add the new plan to your file.

Thank you for furnishing this copy of your district technology plan and budget projection for review.

Sincerely,



Gary West  
Chief Information Officer

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**CERTIFICATION OF TECHNOLOGY PLAN AND APPROVAL FOR SC PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM (E-RATE)**

The Rock Hill School District (York District Three) has a technology plan that has met the standards and criteria outlined in the following checklist for Universal Service Fund Participation.

Date approved: 4 / 1 / 2009

This approval expires: 6 / 30 / 2014

Authority:

Gary West, Chief Information Officer

The district technology plan must be updated and resubmitted prior to the expiration date.

Checklist:

Successful technology plans align the overall education service improvement objectives with the following five criteria. To qualify as an approved Technology Plan for a Universal Service Program discount, the plan must meet these criteria. It is critical that technology planning not be viewed as a separate exercise dealing primarily with hardware and telecommunications infrastructure. There must be connection between the proposed physical infrastructure of the information technology and the plan for professional development, curriculum reform, and service improvements.

☒ The plan establishes clear goals and a realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology to improve education or library services.

☒ The plan has a professional development strategy to ensure that staff knows how to use the new technologies to improve education.

☒ The plan includes an assessment of the telecommunications services, hardware, software, and other services that will be needed to improve education.

☒ The plan provides for a sufficient budget to acquire and maintain the hardware, software, professional development, and other services that will be needed to implement the strategy for improved education.

☒ The plan includes an evaluation process that enables the district and its schools to monitor progress toward the specified goals and make mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.